

THE VERTUES

Of that Well known and Often-experienced

M E D I C I N E

Fletcher's Powder.

THis Noble and Excellent Pannacea, is so wonderful a Friend unto *Decaying Nature*, that whatever *Unnatural, Destructive, and Health-opposing Matter* it shall meet with in the Body of *Man*, be it from what Cause, Source, or Fountain it will, or in what parts soever (for it purifieth from Center to Circumference) it * doth by its true renovating quality (in time) radically extirpate and drive out, and in its place constitutes a Healthful Body (as hath been proved by Hundreds in the City of London) having cured *Head-aches, Vertigoes, Apoplexies, Lethargies, Epilepsies, Convulsions*, with all other Distempers that usually afflict the Head; as *Difficulty of Hearing, Noise in the Head and Ears, Diseases of the Eyes, Teeth, &c.* Its also effectual in Opening all Obstructions of the *Stomach, Liver, Spleen*, and all other the Noble Bowels; expelling Venoms offending the same: by which it cures *Agues and Feavors* of all sorts. It powerfully cures that loathsome Disease *Ala mode d'Angleterre*, with all its Symptoms. It cures the *Scurvey, Leprosie, Gout, Dropsy, Stone*. It resists the *Pestilence, Small-pox, and Measles*. It expels Poyson, and hath done wonders upon those Bodies which have been spoiled by *Mercurial Medicines*, too too often used (supposing therewith) to cure all foul and stubborn Diseases.

For *Women* a safer or powerfuller Medicine cannot be given, it being a *Universal Remedy* for those many Distempers that usually attend their Weak, Unhealthy, Cold, and Moist Bodies; all which I shall not name, but commend it as a Wonder-working Powder to prevent Miscarriages in Women with Child; and when time of separation is near, to cause speedy and easie Delivery; and to ease the After-pains: And did all Women know what this Medicine hath performed in these Cases, there is none but would make use of it at such times; viz. both before the time of Travel, and after Delivery. In Virgins it speedily takes away the Cause of the *Green Sickness*, and those ill Habits of Body caused by Obstructions, and causeth in them a Lively, Fresh, and Cheerful Countenance, &c. To Children it is a most Potent Preservative, and cures them of *Convulsions, Falling-Sickness, Worms, Small-pox, Measles, Rickets, &c.*

It wonderfully disposeth Wounds (both Internal and External) to Healing, and in short time perfects the Cure; and for all Outward Wounds, taking this Medicine, you need only wash the Sore Night and Morning with your Urine warm, and bind it up to defend it from the Air. It cures all Swellings, Inflammations, and Pains of the Limbs. I have (without the use of any Outward Application) cured Cancerated Breasts of long continuance, Gangrenous Tumors, Kings-Evil, and Fistula's, to a wonder. In short, this Medicine is so great a Friend to Nature, that no Disease (the appointed time for Dissolution being not yet come) is able to withstand its power; for against all Diseases there is a Remedy, but against Death none; but to this and all other (Good) Medicines, time must be given to manifest its Effects: For many rash and inconsiderate People, hearing of a Good Medicine, will with-

out doubt be desirous to make trial of it; and will also imagine, that as soon as they have taken it into their Bodies (or at farthest within two or three dayes) that their Infirmary or Disease, of what kind or degree soever, must of necessity presently vanish and be gone, without any the least Sign or Relict of it remaining; which no Ingenious Person must or will expect: but according to the Nature, Radication, Habit, and Continuance of the Distemper; with the Age, Strength, and Constitution of Body, Nature co-acting with the Medicine, expect the desired Effects in the Restauration of Health; which (by Gods blessing and an orderly use of this Medicine in due time) will be found. Now this Powder at some times, and in some Bodies, may work by Vomit, Stool, Sweat, and Urine, especially at the first taking of it; let not any therefore presently imagine this to be a Common Medicine, and such Operations to be constant in all Bodies and at all Times: No (rather) let them conclude (as justly and truly they may) such Operations to proceed from great quantity of Disease Matter Nature was filled and obstructed with, which would not easily be evacuated, without such Operations (well to be tolerated or born with; in respect of the great benefit they will reap by it; viz.) the preventing of some greater mischief, &c. to the truth of which I have had large Experience; having known many on which it had such Operations at the first, but by a continued and moderately repeated taking of it (for some time) by which their Bodies became emptied and freed from those stubborn, gross Humors, they afterwards felt not any the least trouble or manifest Operation, except enlivening and strengthening Nature; and in all those before-mentioned Operations (how forcible soever they seem to be at present) Nature is never weakened but strengthened, &c. all which proves the Medicine to be friendly.

But often doth this Excellent Medicine both prevent and cure a Disease without any of the before-mentioned Operations (as Experience testifieth) by keeping in Vigor, and pacifying (when enraged) the Vital Spirit in Man.

Therefore the highest and noblest way of Cure, is, by such Medicines as are exalted by Art to such a degree of Purity as makes them fit to (pacify or) bring to quiet the Natural Spirit.

For Preserving or Restoring of Health, consists not in taking of Poysonous Purges, Vomits, Fluxing with *Mercury*, or Torturing the Sick with Blisters, Cuppings, Issues, Bleedings, &c. to the end the Spirit being more enraged by such eminent dangers immediately threatenng the Life, in hopes (by that means) it may throw out what was offending before; but in keeping it from fury, if not already provoked, or otherwise pacifying, if enraged, as aforesaid. And I appeal to all ingenious Men, which of the two is the better Method; for whatsoever is not friendly to the Life, either engendred within, or assumed from without, brings sooner or later, the whole or part, into an inquietude.

Consider, What is it that gives eminency to any one thing we esteem as Excellent, and we shall find that

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that it is the Purity of it; if we consider then what we are speaking of, viz. A Medicine to help Nature, we must also conclude its efficacy and excellency to proceed from its purity or purified Nature; then consider what it is for, It is to help and restore Decaying Nature, or the Languishing Spirit in Man. Now this Spirit is the most subtil part of Man (I mean not the Rational Soul) therefore no way to be assisted, but by that which is of purity and likeness with it (viz.) Medicine of a Solar (or Gold-like) Nature, made by Art subtil, penetrable, and capable by its splendid Beam to dispel those Mists in the Air which clouds and darkens the Sun of the Little World Man; and he that hath such a Medicine as this (which every Physician ought to have) needs not so much mind the uncertain Indications, Diagnosticks, and the like Verbal Impertinencies, &c. which serves only for ostentation.

Now, Courteous Reader, Consider whether this Solar Powder (which is so amicable to Nature, and cures Radicated Diseases by enlightning and enlivening the Natural Spirit) be the fitter Medicine to be used, or those common gross Medicines which acts or works upon the Sound as well as the Sick, to the great injury of Mankind, &c. judge ye.

Those that are troubled with any other Diseases than those afore-mentioned; either Internal or External, within the Reach of Medicine, of what Nature or Kind soever, may be cured by this Medicine; and I do advise all who love their healths, to take a Paper of this Powder for three or four Mornings every Moneth; thereby you may root out the Scurvey, the seed of which secretly lodges in the Blood, in most seeming healthy persons; of which (root) most Diseases are but branches.

For Seamen that go long Voyages, or others, That travel by Land, this Medicine is of great use, and may save life, where at Sea the Doctors Chest (or in other places the Shop Medicines) may fail: For at Sea in Calentures, Feavors and Fluxes, many Seamen are lost, for want of a good Medicine powerfully to resist Diseases.

They are also of use in Foreign Plantations, where many that escape Death, are for ever deprived of the former use of their Limbs; and all for want of good Medicine.

Therefore I farther add, by way of advice and

¶ Note, That this Medicine will keep and be as good a Thousand years hence as at the first, being separated from those Impurities which cause Corruption; and may as well be taken in extream weather as at Spring or Fall, the only supposed fit times to take Medicines, &c.

¶ Advertisement, If any person or persons shall ignorantly or maliciously carp at this Paper, I shall not mind such; but if any one that is ingenious shall question the Truth of the whole or part, I desire such to write their Objections to me, and I shall with the same fairness answer them. And if any man doubts of the safety of my Medicine, I will be obliged to take whatever I prescribe to another every day for a year; and let other Physicians do the same, if they dare trust to the safety of theirs. Also if any person shall use this Medicine (according to my Direction) and upon their honest word will say they have received no benefit by it, I will give them all their money again; and if they deceive me (and themselves) be it to them accordingly.

The Quarter Packet, marked with the Figure 2, is one Shilling; the half Packet, marked with the figure 4, is two shillings; the whole Packet, marked with the figure 8, is four Shillings; each Packet sealed with *Helmont's Head*, to prevent Counterfeits.

It is to be sold at these places following, with a Printed paper of Directions for its use.

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And at my House at the Sun in Gutter-lane, near Cheap-side London.

¶ All persons that live remote from London, either in England, Scotland, Ireland, or any of the English Plantations, and have a desire to sell this Excellent Powder, let them repair to my worthy and trusty Friend, Mr. Dorman Newman Book seller at the Kings Arms in the Poultry London; for I have solely intrusted him to dispose of it into all Countreys, and no other but him, or such as he shall appoint.

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caution to my Countrey-men, That whatever Medicines or pretended Methods of Cure are not agreeable to these following Positions (and accordingly practised) by some of the London Chymists, that such Medicines and Methods, are to be accounted (both) unsafe and untrue. &c.

Princ. of the Chym. Stat. Position the First.

That the Four feigned Humors, exceeding their Natural Quality and Temperament, never were, are, or can be, the Causes of Diseases in the Humane Body; and that all Excesses of Humors, or humid, hot, cold, or dry Qualities superabounding in us, are only the Products and Effects, not Causes or Beginnings of any Disease; but Diseases and Death have their Seat and Existence in the very Principle of Life, or Sensitive Soul in Man, and are originally Spiritual (or characterized) in the Spirit, before they assume Matter, and become Corporeal (or Elimentish Humors.)

Position the Second.

That as the External Air of the Macrocosme (or Great World) is the Medium between Heaven and Earth, and the only Instrument of Life and Death, Generation and Corruption of all Individuals existant therein; so the internal Air, or Ether in the Microcosme (or Little World Man) is the Medium betwixt Life and Death, Health and Sicknes in the Body of Man.

Position the Third.

That all Medicines, not endued with Gifts apt to rectifie, corroborate, enliven, and illuminate our Sensitive Soul or Spirit of Life, and its own Ether (or Air) are not to be accounted Natural (or friendly) Remedies; and that all Medicines (so called) of a direct forcible Action, whether Purges, Vomitories, Sudorifics (or Sweating Medicines, &c.) together with the supposed Remedies of Blood-letting, Salivation, (or Fluxing with Mercury) Clusters, Blisters, and Opiates, are Inimical (or Enemies) to Nature, and cure not, unless by accident; but too often prove the Hostile Invaders of Life.

And since every Disease in us (according to the three fore-going Positions) takes its form or action, from the Natural Spirit debilitated or oppressed, enraged or disturbed with Venomes (or otherwise) therefore every Remedy not capable to strengthen the same Spirit in its own Inns and Ails, and which hath not gifts (also) to overcome or expel Venoms, is not fit to be esteemed a Natural Medicine, &c.